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1. On 16 October 1951 General Benjamin Menendez, Colonels Bussetti and Archer, Major Repetto, Vice Commodore Anaclete Llosa, and other principal leaders of the 28 September military revolt were taken from Buenos Aires to the prison in Rawson, National Territory of Chubut.\* These officers departed from Constitution Station and reportedly were the blue prison uniform and had their heads shaved. Between six to eleven retired generals, including General Arturo Rawson, are still under arrest in the National Penitentiary.\*\*

- 2. In order to conceal from the public and the armed forces the fact that Memendez has been imprisoned in Rawson, the Argentine Government has circulated the rumor that Memendez has escaped from the prison on the island of Martin Garcia, located in the Rio de la Plata.
- 3. General Gustavo Hermanson, recently appointed head of the Air Force, a few days prior to 28 September held a meeting in his home which was attended by Colonel Luis Bussetti and Lt. Col. (retired) Oscar Hermanson, brother of Gustavo. At this meeting General Hermanson made statements against Peron, and Bussetti gained the impression that Hermanson, because of his ambition, wanted to assume leadership of the revolt. Since 1930 General Hermanson has been an ardent nationalist and an intimate friend of Generals Memandez and Filomeno Velazco.
- 4. One of the reasons for the failure of the revolt was that Vice Commodore
  Llosa had been ordered by Bussetti on 27 September to obtain and load sufficient gasoline in the tanks of the Eighth Cavalry, which Llosa assured that he would do; however, he failed to accomplish this task within the alloted time.

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reported that 1222 persons had been arrested in connection with this revolt. This figure includes two Catholic walkage, one of whom is an Army chaplein named Conzalez Paz.

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reported that Leonardi had originally

been designated as leader of the 28 September revolt.

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